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June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Official No. 1408

Date first licensed October 26, 1962

Call letters WKBC-FM

Station location North Wilkesboro, N.C.

Name of licensee WILKES BROADCASTING COMPANY

On Brushy Mtn., 5.2 mi. S. of Wilkesboro, N. C. (PH 3-30-65)

Transmitter location X At Northeast City limits, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina

Main studio location RC 400 C Street, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Channel Freq.	ERP Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-3134 TPO:1kw	10-12-60	97.3mcs Ch.247	4.5kw HAAT: 225'	Unl.	12-12-60 6-12-61
Construction permit for a new FM Broadcast station. RC					
BPH-6951	7-2-61	Mod. of CP(BPH-3134)	for extension of completion date to 1-1-61		
(1)					
BMPH-6951	10-27-61	Mod. of CP(BPH-3134, as mod.)	for an extension of completion date to March 1, 1962		
(2)					
BMPH-7116	4-3-62	Mod. of CP(BPH-3134 as mod.)	for ext. of completion date to 7-2-62.		
(3)					
BMPH-7239	6-28-62	Mod. of CP(BPH-3134, as mod.)	to chg. type trans. (Collins FM-5000B) & chg. type ant. (Collins 37M-5, 5 secs.).		
(4)					
BSCA-425	7-31-62	Subsidiary Communications Authorization on approximately 62 kilocycles.			
BMP-7239	6-28-62	Mod. of CP(BPH-3134, as mod.)	to chg. type trans. (Collins FM-1000B) & chg. type ant. (Collins 37M-5, 5 sections.)		
(4)					
SUPERSEDING AUTHORIZATION to correct type trans.					
BLH-2168 HAAT: 225'	10-26-62	97.3mcs Ch.247	ERP:4.5kw TPO:1kw	Unl.	10-26 12-1-63
Lic. to cover CP(BPH-3134, as mod.) which auth. a new FM Broadcast Station.					
BRH-1408	11-27-63	Renewal of license			12-1 12-1-66
BRSCA-425	11-27-63	Subsidiary Communications Authorization on Multiplex Basis to			12-1-66
BPH-4806 HAAT: 980' (H&V)	3-30-65	97.3mcs Ch.#247	ERP:20kw(H&V) TPO:8.8kw	Unl.	5-30-65 11-30-65
CP to chg. ant.-trans. loc.; install new trans. (Collins 830F-1A) install vert. polarized ant. (Collins 300-5); chg. ant. sys. (incr. hght.); and incr. TPO, ERP & HAAT.					
BMPH-8532	11-2-65	Mod. of CP (BPH-4806)	for ext. of completion date to 5-30-66.		
(1)					
BMPH-8825	5-25-66	Mod. of CP(BPH-4806 as mod.)	for ext. of completion date to 8-1-66		
(2)					
BMPH-8913	7-20-66	Mod. of CP(BPH-4806 as mod.)	for ext. of completion date to 10-1-66.		
(3)					

Form BC 126
June 1954 #2

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 10-26-62

Call letters WKBC-FM

Station location _____

Name of licensee _____

Transmitter location _____

Main studio location _____

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BRH-1408	11-18-66	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1 12-1-69
BRSCA-425	11-18-66	RENEWAL OF S C A			12-1-12-1-69
BLH-3453	1-24-67	97.3mc	ERP:20kw(H&V) U	1-24	12-1-69
HAAT: 950'	(H&V)	CH.#247	TPO:8.8kw		
		Lic to cover CP(BPH-4806 as mod) which auth chg. ant-trans loc install new tran & ant. chg. ant-sys chg. ERP TPO & HAAT.			
BRH-1408	(S) 6-10-70	Renewal			12-1-72
BRSCA-425	6-10-70	Renewal of SCA			12-1-72
EBSA	5-22-72				
BRH-1408(S)	12-6-72	RENEWAL & SCA			12-1-75
BRSCA-425	"				"
BRH-1408(L)	12-6-72	Superseding author.			12-1-75
BRSCA-425	to add remote control				
BRH-1408(S)	11-12-75	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1-78
BRSCA-425	" "	RENEWAL OF SCA			
BPH-10456	4-6-77	97.3mhz	ERP:100kw(h&v)U	4-6-78	
HAAT:980'	(h&v)	#247	TPO:18kw (RC)		
(L)		CP to install new Trans; chg TPO, ERP AND HAAT			new Antenna
BMPH-15439	4-5-78	MP(BPH-10456)ext time to			10-6-78
(1)					
COMTEL	6-9-78	AUTH. & TERMS COMTEL 2/2/78 EXTENDED THRU 8-6-78			
BMPH780927	AE	MR(BPH-10, 456, as mod)			5-2-79
(2)	11-9-78	for ext. of time.			
BRH780801	WG 1-29-79	Renewal of License & SCA			12-1-81
(S)					
BLH-7904	3AD 97.3	ERP: 100 kw (max)	88 kw (Vert)(Max)	12-1-81	
		HAAT: 980 feet (H&V)			
	License to cover (BPH-10456, as mod.) for changes.				

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

Name WILKES BROADCASTING COMPANY Station location North Wilkesboro, North Carolina Call W K B C-FM
(P.O.-P.O. Box 950, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-3134	8-29-60	Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on:		
Rec'd	8-30-60	Frequency - 97.3mc CH 247		
Filed	8-30-60	ERP - 4.49kw		
		Type transmitter - RCA BTF-1D		
		Type antenna - RCA BFA-5A (5 section)		
		HAAT 227'	GRANTED	10-12-60
		Trans. location - At Northeast City Limits, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina	ERP: 4.5kw	HAAT: 225'
		Studio location - 400 C Street, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina		
		Remote control point - At studio location		
		Atty. - Miller & Schroeder		
		Engr. - Louis A. King, Bristol, Tennessee		
BMPH-6754	5-12-61	Modification of CP(BPH-3134 which auth. a new		
Rec'd&Filed	5-19-61	FM Broadcast station) for extension completion date from 6-12-61 to 10-1-61.	GRANTED	7-28-61
		Miller and Schroeder, Attys.		

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AUG 1955

Call
Letters **WKBC-FM**Name **WILKES BROADCASTING COMPANY**
North Wilkesboro, North Carolina

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-6844 Rec'd & Filed	7-5-61 7-10-61	Modification of CP(BPH-3134 as mod. which auth. a new FM Broadcast station) to change transmitter location from "At northeast city limits, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina" to "5.2 mi. south of Wilkesboro on Brushy Mountain, North Carolina"; change type transmitter(Collins, ITA, FM-1000B); change type antenna(Collins, 37M-5); change antenna system(incr. height); decr. ERP from 4.5kw to 4.47kw. and increase HAAT from 225' to 650'. Miller and Schroeder, Attys.	DISMISSED-10-2-63 Third Report-Order	
AMENDMENT R & F SEE AMENDMENT BELOW	8-29-61 9-5-61	AMENDED to change frequency from 97.3mc CH 247 to 97.5mc CH 248.		
BMPH-6951 R & F	9-22-61 9-26-61	Mod of CP (BPH-3134 as mod which auth a new FM Broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 10-1-61 to 3-1-62. Atty: Miller & Schroeder	GRANTED	10-27-61
BMPH-6844 AMENDMENT R & F	(cont'd) 2-3-62 2-6-62	AMENDED to change ERP to 4.52kw; change HAAT to 750 ft; make changes in antenna sys(decr hght) change type transmitter(ITA FM 1000C). (corrected coordinates)		

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North Wilkesboro, North Carolina

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-7116 R & F	1-22-62 2-6-62	Modification of CP(BPH-3134 as mod. which auth. a new FM B/C Station) for extension of completion date from 3-1-62 to _____ Atty. - <u>Miller & Schroeder</u>	GRANTED	4-3-62 to 7-2-62
BMPH-7239 R & F	6-20-62 6-22-62	Mod. of CP(BPH-3134, as mod. which auth. a new FM B/C Station) to change type transmitter (COLLINS FM 5000B); change type antenna (COLLINS 37M-5, 5 section) Atty. - <u>Miller & Schroeder</u>	GRANTED	6-28-62
BMPH-7249 R & F	5-31-62 5-31-62	Mod. of CP(BPH-3134k, as mod., which auth. a new FM B/C Station) for extension of completion date from 7-2-62 to 8-2-62. Atty. - <u>Miller & Schroeder</u>	DISMISSED Unnec. (L on file)	8-8-62

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North Wilkesboro, North Carolina

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BSCA-425 R & F	6-20-62 6-25-62	Request for subsidiary communications auth to operate on sub-carrier frequency of 67kc Attys: Miller & Schroeder	GRANTED	7-31-62
BLH-2168 R & F	6-20-62 6-25-62	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-3134, as mod) which auth a new FM B/C station: Atty: Miller & Schroeder	GRANTED	10-26-62
BRH-1408 Rec'd Filed	8-30-63 9-3-63 9-3-63	Renewal of license---12-1-63 Atty. Arthur H. Schroeder	GRANTED	11-27-63
BRSCA-425 Rec'd Filed	8-30-63 9-3-63 9-3-63	Renewal of license---12-1-63 (SCA) Atty. Arthur H. Schroeder	GRANTED	11-27-63

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name WILKES BROADCASTING COMPANY
NORTH WILKESBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-4806 R&F	2-5-65 2-8-65	Construction permit to change ant-trans location to 5.2 miles South of Wilkesboro on Brushy Mountain, North Wilkesboro, N.C.; install new trans (Collins-830F-1A); increase TPO to 8.8kw; increase horizontal ERP to 20kw; change ant-sys (increase height); employ circular polarization; and install vertical polarized ant (Collins-300-5, 5 sections); using vertical ERP of 20kw.	GRANTED	3-30-65
BMPH-8532 R&F	10-18-65 10-20-65	Modification of CP (BPH-4806 which authorized change ant-trans location, install new trans and vert ant, change ant-system, and increase TPO, ERP, and HAAT) for extension of completion date from 11-30-65 to 5-30-66. Atty: Miller & Schroeder	GRANTED	11-2-65

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NORTH WILKESBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-8825 R&F T	4-29-66	Modification of CP(BPH-4806 as mod., which authorized change ant-trans location, install new trans and vert ant, change ant-system, and increase TPO, ERP, and HAAT) for extension of completion date from 5-30-66 to 8-1-66. Atty - Miller and Schroeder	GRANTED to	5-25-66
	5-2-66			8-1-66
BMPH-8913 R & F	7-8-66	Modification of CP(BPH-4806 as mod., which authorized change ant-trans location, install new trans and vert ant., change ant-system, and increase TPO, ERP, and HAAT) for extension of completion date from 8-1-66 to 10-1-66 Attys - Miller and Schroeder	GRANTED to	7-20-66
	7-11-66			10-1-66
BRH-1408	8-31-66	Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-18-66
BRSCA-425	8-31-66	Renewal of SCA		
R & F 9-2-66		Atty. Miller and Schroeder WASHINGTON, D. C.		

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North Wilkesboro, North Carolina 28659

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-3453	9-23-66	Lic. to cover CP(BPH-4806 as mod.) which auth. chng ant-trans. loc., install new trans. & ant. chng. ant-system, chng. ERP, TPO & HAAT. Atty: A. H. Schroeder Engr: L. A. King, Bristol, Tenn.	GRANTED	1-24-67
BRH-1408 R & F #539618 \$75. BRSCA-425 R & F #540095 \$30. P.N. filed PRESS SEP 23 1969	8-29-69 9-2-69 9-2-69 8-29-69 9-3-69 9-3-69 8-29-69	Renewal of license AMENDED 3-23-70 re: commercial matter Renewal of SCA	GRANTED	6-10-70

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

97.3 mcs

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NORTH WILKESBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1408 BRSCA-425 R & F PN Recd. PRESS SEP 26 1972	8-28-72 " 9-5-72 " SEP 26 1972	RENEWAL OF LICENSE & SCA John B. Kenkel, Atty.	GRANTED	12-6-72
BRH-1408 R & F PN Recd. PRESS AUG 22 1975	7-28-75 7-31-75 " AUG 22 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE John B. Kenkel, Atty.	GRANTED	11-12-75
BRSCA-425 R & F	8-21-75 9-8-75	Renewal of SCA		
BPH-10456 Rec'd Filed PRESS MAR 23 1977	2-3-77 2-14-77 3-3-77 MAR 23 1977	CP install new Trans: RCA, BTF-20E1; Antenna: RCA {CUSTOM}, 3FC-8, 8 sects chg TP0; ERP{100kw {H&V}; 2 HAAT-1256'-H&V Atty. John B. Kenkel Engr. Serge Bergen	GRANTED	4-6-77
Amended	3-3-77	chg HAAT {978 feet {H&V}}		

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W.K.B.-EMName WILKES BROADCASTING COMPANY
North Wilkesboro, North Carolina

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-15439 R & F PRESS: MAR 23 1978	3-13-78 3-15-78	MP (BPH-10456) for extension of time to: <u>10-6-78</u> (FOR CHANGES) Atty: John B. Kenkel (Miller & Schroeder)	GRANTED TO	4-5-78 10-6-78
BRH780801WG R & F PRESS BRSCA "	7-28-78 8-1-78 AUG 22 1978	Renewal of License (Main & SCA) Atty.: John B. Kenkel (Miller & Schroeder)	GRANTED	1-29-79
BMPH780927AE PRESS	OCT 3 5 1978	MP (BPH-10,456, as Mod.) for extension of time to: <u>4-6-79</u> (FOR CHANGES)	GRANTED TO	11-9-78 5-2-79
BLH-790413AD PTA: PRESS:	4-24-79 MAY 2 1 1979	License to cover (BPH-10456, as mod.) FOR CHANGES Atty: John B. Kenkel	GRANTED <i>Granted</i>	4-28-80 <i>1-17-80</i>

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

